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STORAGE MEDIUM

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on December 20, 2004. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 20, 2005.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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